

IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (amended) An airspring comprising a flexible cylindrical sleeve having a first and second end, a retainer secured to one of the ends of the sleeve, and a tag made from a sheet material, ~~the entire tag being a singular piece~~, the improvement comprising:  
a portion of the sheet material forming the tag being non-removably secured between the sleeve and the retainer.
  2. (previously amended) An airspring in accordance with claim 1 wherein the tag is of a flexible plastic or elastomeric material.
  3. (previously amended) An airspring in accordance with claim 1 wherein the portion of the tag that is secured between the sleeve and the retainer, prior to being secured between the sleeve and the retainer, has a shaped configuration corresponding to the shaped configuration of the sleeve end.
  4. (previously amended) An airspring in accordance claim 1 wherein the tag, prior to being secured between the sleeve and the retainer, has a molded circumferential curvature corresponding to the outer curvature of the cylindrical sleeve.
  5. (previously added) An arising in accordance with claim 1 wherein the tag is provided with indicia in a manner which will last the lifetime of the airspring.
  6. (amended) An airspring in accordance with claim 65 wherein the indicia is presented in an alphanumeric manner or as a bar code.
  7. (amended) An airspring in accordance with claim 65 wherein the indicia is formed by punching out the idicia from the tag, stamping the indicia onto the tag, or imprinting the indicia onto the tag.
  8. (previously added) An airspring in accordance with claim 1 wherein the color of the tag contrasts with the color of the airsleeve.

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9. (previously added) An airspring comprising a flexible cylindrical sleeve having a first and second end, a retainer secured to one of the ends of the sleeve and a tag made from a sheet material, a portion of the tag being non-removably secured between the sleeve and the retainer, wherein the portion of the tag that is secured, prior to being secured, has a shaped configuration corresponding to the shaped configuration of the sleeve end.
10. (previously added) An airspring comprising a flexible cylindrical sleeve having a first and second end, a retainer secured to one of the ends of the sleeve and a tag made from a sheet material, a portion of the tag being non-removably secured between the sleeve and the retainer, wherein the tag, prior to being secured, has a molded circumferential curvature corresponding to the outer curvature of the cylindrical sleeve.
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